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TO	Chief of Station, Austria		
INFO	COS/Germany COB/Munich-Liaison Branch		
FROM	Chief, EE		
SUBJECT	GRATULY Willi HOETTL Arrest KUBARK ONLY		
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 2 below.		
REFERENCE(S)			

1. The attached paragraph from a report of a conversation between the USIB Reports Officer and GROCK, UPHILL's liaison officer, is thoroughly incomprehensible to us here. We were not aware of HOETTL's arrest nor of a WOTTEL who was involved. The tidbit about ROSENTHAL's implication is fascinating but equally confusing. Since GROCK may have been "fishing" and since he is not our proper point of focus for operational liaison, it does not seem advisable to query UPHILL through this channel. To place a query with the proper UPHILL people would blow the case up out of all proportion to its significance.
2. Therefore, we suggest that Vienna tell us what they know about the HOETTL arrest and advise Munich and Headquarters. If Vienna, without recourse to liaison, knows the full details we need query no more. On the other hand, out of curiosity, if nothing else, Vienna and Munich may wish to get together as to how to uncover the details.

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EXTRACT FROM CONTACT REPORT OF MEETING 27 MAY 1960

BY [REDACTED], UPHILL's GROCK and [REDACTED] MB/LB Reports Officer

"4. Arrest of Willy HOETTL and FECHNER in Linz: In a follow-up to what he had told [REDACTED] earlier about the arrest in Linz of Willy HOETTL and Fechner, GROCK said that they had both been held for a day or so and that the case had still not been fully clarified, at least as far as UPHILL knew. The examination had shown that FECHNER was passing HOETTL intelligence on Yugoslavia and Albania which he had received from one ROSSMANNITZ. (Comment: To the best of [REDACTED] recollection, ROSSMANNITZ is in the Austria Ministry of the Interior and is involved with the GRENGULE apparatus.) [REDACTED] asked GROCK if they knew why FECHNER should be passing such intelligence to HOETTL and whether HOETTL was representing someone else. GROCK said UPHILL had no idea, but speculated that FECHNER might have been making use of HOETTL's area knowledge of southeastern Europe in the evaluation of intelligence. [REDACTED] agreed that this sounded reasonable, since HOETTL does know the Balkan area very well."

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